

HAB Operations Improvement Work Group

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Introduction

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Mission/Goals

- The overall mission is to investigate methods and develop recommendations to make HAB operations more efficient, more effective, more participatory, and more in alignment with EMSSAB Charter and EMSSAB operations procedures.
- Or, stated differently, to ensure current HAB operations are aligned with the stated purpose of the Board and with future changes to Hanford Site operations.

Major Workgroup Goals

1. Improve Efficiency

- Revise HAB documents (compliant, usable, more readable)
- Eliminate inconsistencies in HAB documents

2. More Effective

- Clarify what is inside or outside HAB's scope
- Review scope, roles, and responsibilities of each committee
- Committee optimization recommendations

3. Alignment with EMSSAB

- Determine what is inside or outside HAB's scope
- Revise HAB documents (compliant)

Committee scope and optimization

1. Is the HAB scope appropriate and sufficient?
2. Are there gaps that need covering or overloaded committees?
3. Is the committee scope sustainable moving into operations?

HAB Scope

EMSSAB

- clean-up activities and environmental restoration;
- waste and nuclear materials management and disposition;
- excess facilities;
- future land use and long-term stewardship;
- risk assessment;
- communications.

MOU

- cleanup standards and environmental restoration;
- waste management and disposition;
- stabilization and disposition of non-stockpile nuclear materials
- excess facilities;
- future land use and long-term stewardship;
- Risk assessment and management;
- clean-up science and technology activities
- the content of, and proposed changes to the TPA,
- monitoring agency progress in meeting regulatory milestones

HAB Scope (continued)

Also MOU

- reviewing the budgeting and funding of specific Hanford cleanup activities;
- waste management issues, including the treatment, storage, and disposal of all solid, hazardous, radioactive, and mixed waste currently at the site, or generated at the site in the future;
- the determination of future land uses and the release of Hanford lands for other uses, to the extent that the Board determines such uses impact or are impacted by the Hanford cleanup mission;
- full recognition of the treaty rights of affected tribes and in particular the interrelationship between such rights and Hanford environmental restoration and waste management activities;
- local and other land use authorities and requirements, as specified under state and federal law, as they relate to Hanford environmental restoration and waste management activities;
- transportation of wastes and hazardous materials to and from the site;
- the maintenance, restart, or decommissioning and decontamination of contaminated facilities;
- the protection and restoration of natural resources and ecological values;
- the protection of groundwater and restoration of contaminated groundwater;
- impacts on the Columbia River;
- protecting worker and local/regional public health and safety;
- review work force restructuring and community impact plans required by federal or state law with regard to Hanford's transition and downsizing;
- technology development and transfer
- strategies for effectively and meaningfully involving the public in decisions regarding cleanup of the Hanford site.

HAB Scope

- All in attendance agreed that the HAB scope was appropriate.
- Some additional scope items were discussed for future inclusion:
 - Effective conduct of operations
 - Community values and concerns
 - Spending priorities
 - Cost/duration of cleanup
 - Effective information transfer

Room for improvement

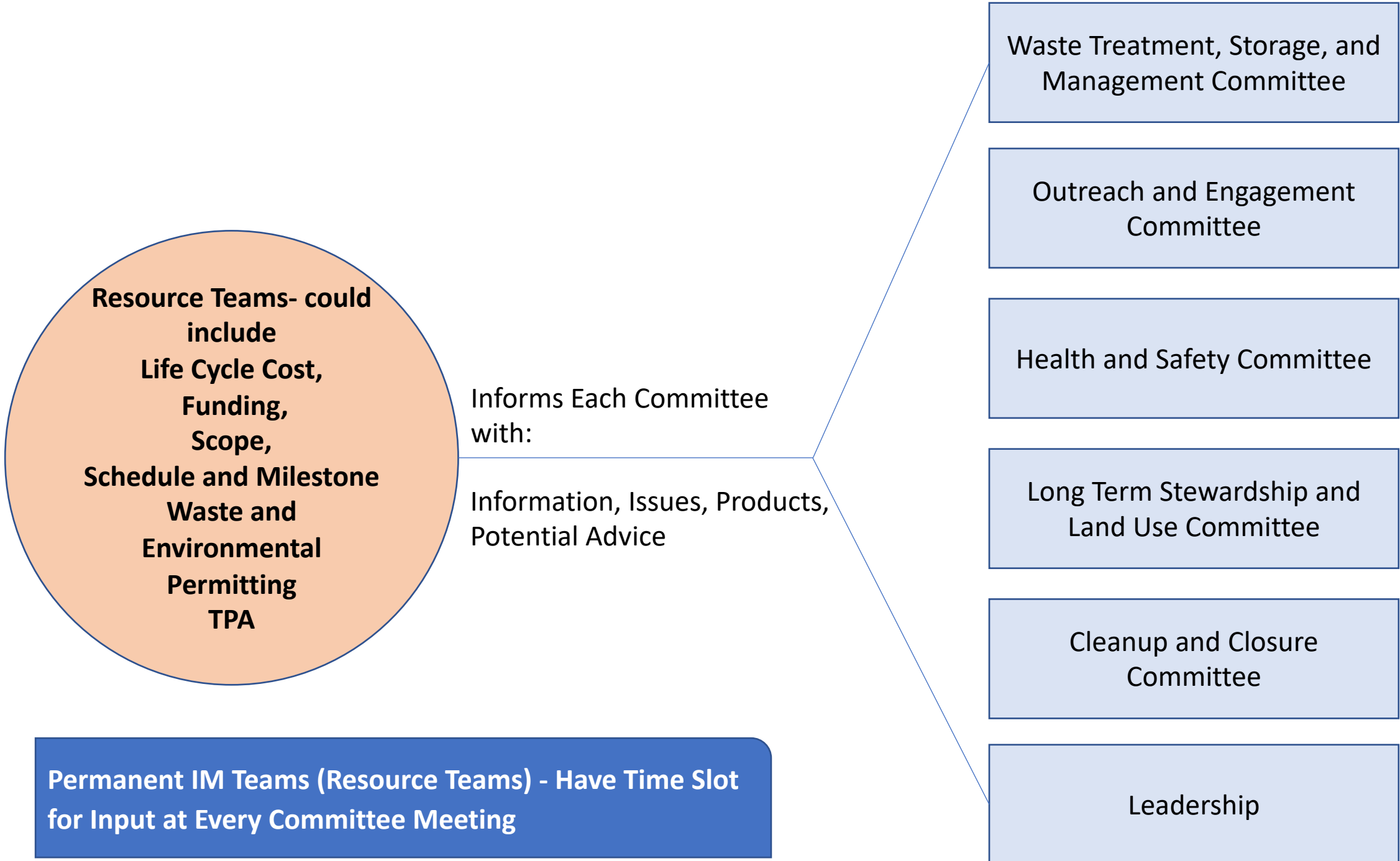
- Where committees are described, the words don't always agree.
- Cross cutting topics may require duplication of effort in multiple committees
- Critical missions are not listed in any committee responsibility list

So then what?

- We “forgot” current committee structures and looked at connections/associates for the scope items by grouping big post-its on the wall
- A reasonable grouping was identified fairly organically
- There were topics that recurred in each group – how do we deal with those without being repetitive/duplicating efforts?

New Concept – Resource Teams

- The HAB's greatest strength is the willingness of members to step up and volunteer
- Resource teams are past and current members that know about a topic or want to learn (mentoring)
- Those teams will preserve and transfer knowledge, and present in a regular time slot in every committee meeting if there is news



Proposed Timeline

- Jan EIC – Approve informational brief for Jan Full Board presentation
- Jan Full Board – present concept to full board, request engagement, “Here’s how you can be involved”
- Feb and March – Chris and Tom talk to each Committee, ask for input
- March – Committee of the Whole to finalize proposed scope, committee descriptions and names, and process for transition
- April – Full Board considers outcome of the COTW for consensus
- June – Leadership workshop develops work plan that fits whatever results from the Board decision
- October – transition complete, new committees convened.



Other News

- The workgroup started working on documents last August.
- Because of that we are well positioned to fulfill a DOE request (Jan 11th) to ensure that our operating documents are up to date and sufficient. All the other boards are being asked to do the same.
- Draft revised documents will be circulated to the TPA agencies and HAB in April for socialization, review, and feedback.
- More details to follow.

How can you help?

- Speak up during committee week
- Participate in the COTW- Shape the future!
- Read the Draft Document in April – Bring your ideas to the Board meeting
- Think of what Committee(s) and/or Resource Team(s) you want to support

The HAB is not a spectator sport! All experience and skill sets are welcome and needed!